

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. No claims have been amended, added or canceled. Therefore, 6-8, 19, 20, 31-33 and 37-39 claims are present for examination.

103(a) Rejections***Saito in view of Silberschatz, et al.***

The Examiner has rejected claims 6-8, 19-20, 31-33 and 37-39 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,002,772 (hereinafter "Saito") in view of Operating System Concepts: Fifth Edition (hereinafter "Silberschatz").

Applicants maintain that Saito, individually or in combination with Silberschatz, does not teach or disclose, at the least, "storing the encrypted content and the encrypted title key on the storage medium, from which the encrypted content and the encrypted title key may be accessed by the customer". In Saito, the encrypted title key is not stored on a storage medium from which the encrypted title key may be accessed by the customer. Instead, "the encrypted secret-keys Cks1kb1 and Cks2kb1 are distributed to the first user" (column 7, lines 1-2), where the "first user decrypts the distributed secret-keys Cks1kb1 and Cks2kb1" (column 7, lines 3-4), and the "decrypted secret-keys are stored" (column 7, line 12).

The Examiner contends, however, that "both the secret key in encrypted form and the encrypted content is stored within the same storage medium (the main memory) at some point during the execution of the process".

Applicants disagree. The Examiner has used the term "storage medium" and "main memory" interchangeably. In conventional usage of these terms, they are not interchangeable terms. Memory (or main memory) refers to data storage that comes in the form of chips (e.g., RAM and ROM), while storage (or storage medium) refers to data storage that exists on tapes or disks (e.g., hard drive, CD, or DVD). Furthermore, embodiments of the invention do not deviate from this conventional usage of the terms (see, for example, Specification at page 11, paragraph 43, "storage medium 160, such as a hard drive or a CD-R disc").

Furthermore, main memory is not conventionally storage from which data, such as encrypted content, may be accessed by a "customer". As the Examiner indicates in the Office Action mailed 11/17/2006, page 3, "[m]ain memory and the registers built into the processor itself are the only storage that the CPU can access directly" (emphasis added). While it may be true that in Saito, encrypted secret keys are stored in a main memory from which the CPU may access the secret keys, Saito clearly does not teach, disclose, or otherwise suggest that the encrypted secret keys are stored on a storage medium.

For at least these reasons, the element "storing the encrypted content and the encrypted title key on the storage medium, from which the encrypted content and the encrypted title key may be accessed by the customer" is not taught,

disclosed, or suggested in Saito, individually or in combination with Silberschatz".

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner's rejection of the pending claims based on Saito and Silberschatz be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to initiate an interview with the undersigned by calling 949-498-0601 if the Examiner believes that such an interview will advance prosecution of this application.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) if one is necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0221 to cover any necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

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Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Respectfully submitted,

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